GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing help and assistance to the patients who go abroad for medical treatment ;

(b) if so, the criteria fixed for giving assistance to the patients ;

(c) the total number of patients benefited by this assistance from the Union Government during the last three years; and

(d) the names of diseases for which assistance has been given?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b): The Standing Committee constituted under Rule 11 of Central Services(Medical Attendance) Rules,1944 under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services with Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research and Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services as Members, on receipt of an application for medical treatment outside India from the beneficiaries of Central Services (Medical Attendance) (CS(MA) Rules, 1944 and the beneficiaries of Central Government Health Scheme, after due consideration, regarding the fact that the ailment or treatment can be treated only outside India, issues a certificate to the concerned Department/ Ministry of the applicant Central Government servant conveying its approval of the said application and the concerned Department, on the strength of that certificate incur necessary expenditure. Under the said Rules, the Central Government may authorise reimbursement of expenditure on medical treatment obtained outside India, if it is satisfied that prior approval could not be obtained by the Central Government servant due to circumstances beyond control provided that the Government servant fulfils all other conditions relating to medical treatment outside India under this rule.

(c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

(d): The names of diseases/procedures for which the permission, at present, is granted for treatment outside India are as given hereunder:

1. Complex/ high risk Cardio Vascular Surgery cases for treatment

2. Bone Marrow Transplant;

3. Complex Medical and Oncological Disorders, such as Leukaemia and Neo-plastic conditions;

4. Complex high risk cases in Micro Vascular and Neuro Surgery for treatment at Centres with extensive experience;

5. Treatment of extremely complex ailments other than those mentioned above which in the opinion of Standing Committee can only be treated abroad and fall in the high risk category.